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POTASH & PHOSPHATE INSTITUTE
POTASH REPORT SUMMARY
(Short Tons K_2O)

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DECEMBER

	CANADIAN PRODUCERS			UNITED STATES PRODUCERS			TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS		
	1985	1984	Change %	1985	1984	Change %	1985	1984	Change %
Beginning Inventory	2,068,354	1,714,684	+20.6%	383,986	382,003	+ 0.5%	2,452,340	2,096,687	+17.0%
(+) Production	560,234	667,415	-16.1%	61,685	99,197	-37.8%	621,919	766,612	-18.9%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,946,547	1,700,814	+14.4%	357,080	349,310	+ 2.2%	2,303,627	2,050,124	+12.4%
(=) Total Disappearance	682,041	681,285	+ 0.1%	88,591	131,890	-32.8%	770,632	813,175	- 5.2%
(-) Exports	154,980	178,135	-13.0%	21,559	52,397	-58.9%	176,539	230,532	-23.4%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	527,061	503,150	- 4.8%	67,032	79,493	-15.7%	594,093	582,643	+ 2.0%

SIX MONTHS (JULY-DECEMBER) OF THE FERTILIZER YEAR

	CANADIAN PRODUCERS			UNITED STATES PRODUCERS			TOTAL CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS		
	1985-86	1984-85	Change %	1985-86	1984-85	Change %	1985-86	1984-85	Change %
Beginning Inventory	2,049,854	1,825,491	+12.3%	300,800	305,561	- 1.6%	2,350,654	2,131,052	+10.3%
(+) Production	3,268,900	3,981,919	-17.9%	627,745	814,775	-23.0%	3,896,645	4,796,694	-18.8%
(-) Ending Inventory	1,946,547	1,700,814	+14.4%	357,080	349,310	+ 2.2%	2,303,627	2,050,124	+12.4%
(=) Total Disappearance	3,372,207	4,106,596	-17.9%	571,465	771,026	-25.9%	3,943,672	4,877,622	-19.1%
(-) Exports	955,523	1,362,235	-29.9%	224,251	276,620	-18.9%	1,179,774	1,638,855	-28.0%
(=) Disappearance-Canada & United States	2,416,684	2,744,361	-11.9%	347,214	494,406	-29.8%	2,763,898	3,238,767	-14.7%

MONTH-END INVENTORIES - CANADIAN & U.S. PRODUCERS
(1000 Short Tons K_2O)

Fertilizer Year	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
1985-86	2186	2077	2037	2205	2452	2304						
1984-85	2046	1563	1561	1895	2097	2050	2124	2211	2404	2309	2157	2362

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	PRODUCTION K_2O		ENDING INVENTORY K_2O DECEMBER 31				DISAPPEARANCE K_2O	
	1985 DEC	1984	MINE SITE	OFF SITE	1985	1984	1985 DEC	1984
Spec. Std. Muriate	10,919	12,358	12,896	30,139	43,035	18,448	6,597	20,512
Standard Muriate	156,686	220,960	495,082	228,457	723,539	468,266	27,297	249,462
Chemical Muriate	3,418	7,872	13,014	428	13,442	5,690	3,740	10,702
Coarse Muriate	149,845	236,320	191,151	399,122	590,273	724,584	363,695	215,052
Granular Muriate	223,269	179,379	236,309	446,482	682,791	577,791	264,142	243,083
Soluble Muriate	61,023	86,268	79,311	77,156	156,467	161,160	75,943	48,894
Sulphates	16,759	23,435	75,926	18,154	94,080	94,185	29,218	25,470
Total	621,919	766,612	1,103,689	1,199,938	2,303,627	2,050,124	770,632	813,175

	AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				TOTAL SALES K_2O	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		AG & NON-AG	
	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984
Spec. Std. Muriate	2,581	176	13,589	9,249	-	-	-	-	16,170	9,425
Standard Muriate	26,126	38,530	84,460	155,542	15,624	13,442	432	1,095	126,642	208,609
Chemical Muriate	-	-	-	-	3,638	6,984	101	-	3,739	6,984
Coarse Muriate	333,970	228,654	12,927	31,779	-	-	-	-	346,897	260,433
Granular Muriate	194,732	240,838	40,270	15,104	-	-	-	-	235,002	255,942
Soluble Muriate	28,666	33,474	8,305	2,726	14,551	13,002	3,994	7,878	55,516	57,080
Sulphates	17,719	22,432	12,461	7,159	256	308	-	-	30,436	29,899
Total	603,794	564,104	172,012	221,559	34,069	33,736	4,527	8,973	814,402	828,372

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	1985 DEC	1984	MINE SITE	OFF SITE	1985	1984	1985 DEC	1984
Spec. Std. Muriate	10,919	12,358	12,896	30,139	43,035	18,448	6,597	20,512
Standard Muriate	126,455	190,744	337,379	227,754	565,133	368,292	4,557	200,350
Chemical Muriate	3,418	5,151	9,760	428	10,188	2,886	2,038	8,836
Coarse Muriate	147,109	215,830	159,878	396,501	556,379	669,254	351,685	201,314
Granular Muriate	211,310	160,961	183,821	441,619	625,440	485,793	242,667	205,364
Soluble Muriate	61,023	82,371	69,216	77,156	146,372	156,141	74,497	44,909
Total	560,234	667,415	772,950	1,173,597	1,946,547	1,700,814	682,041	681,285

	AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				TOTAL SALES K_2O	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		AG & NON-AG	
	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984	1985 DEC	1984
Spec. Std. Muriate	2,581	176	13,589	9,249	-	-	-	178	16,170	9,603
Standard Muriate	21,553	25,000	79,652	130,964	3,355	4,392	-	-	104,560	160,356
Chemical Muriate	-	-	-	-	1,936	5,118	101	-	2,037	5,118
Coarse Muriate	327,427	226,641	9,069	21,001	-	-	-	-	336,496	247,642
Granular Muriate	185,693	214,318	40,270	6,518	-	-	-	-	225,963	220,836
Soluble Muriate	28,225	32,767	8,305	2,347	13,546	10,110	3,994	7,878	54,070	53,102
Total	565,479	498,902	150,885	170,079	18,837	19,620	4,095	8,056	739,296	696,657

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	PRODUCTION K_2O			ENDING INVENTORY K_2O DECEMBER 31				DISAPPEARANCE K_2O			
	1985	DEC	1984	MINE SITE	OFF SITE	1985	1984	1985	DEC	1984	
Standard Muriate	30,231		30,216	157,703	703	158,406	99,974	22,740		49,112	
Chemical Muriate	-		2,721	3,254	-	3,254	2,804	1,702		1,866	
Coarse Muriate	2,736		20,490	31,273	2,621	33,894	55,330	12,010		13,738	
Granular Muriate	11,959		18,418	52,488	4,863	57,351	91,998	21,475		37,719	
Soluble Muriate	-		3,917	10,095	-	10,095	5,019	1,446		3,985	
Sulphates	16,759		23,435	75,926	18,154	94,080	94,185	29,218		25,470	
Total	61,685		99,197	330,739	26,341	357,080	349,310	88,591		131,890	

	AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				NON-AGRICULTURAL SALES K_2O				TOTAL SALES K_2O	
	U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		U.S. & CANADA		EXPORTS		AG & NON-AG	
	1985	DEC 1984	1985	DEC 1984	1985	DEC 1984	1985	DEC 1984	1985	DEC 1984
Standard Muriate	4,573	13,530	4,808	24,578	12,269	9,050	432	917	22,082	48,075
Chemical Muriate	-	-	-	-	1,702	1,866	-	-	1,702	1,866
Coarse Muriate	6,543	2,013	3,858	10,778	-	-	-	-	10,401	12,791
Granular Muriate	9,039	26,520	-	8,586	-	-	-	-	9,039	35,106
Soluble Muriate	441	707	-	379	1,005	2,892	-	-	1,446	3,978
Sulphates	17,719	22,432	12,461	7,159	256	308	-	-	30,436	29,899
Total	38,315	65,202	21,127	51,480	15,232	14,116	432	917	75,106	131,715